the others the enquiry requires a good deal of time. I shall give you the figures with regard to sub-division (*a*).

Year	*Department*	*No. of Acquisitions*
1110	Public Works	33
1111	Do.	83
1112	Do.	36
1113	Do.	39
1114	Do.	54
1110	Panchayat Department	88
1111	Do.	112
1112	Do.	112
1113	Do.	127
1114	Do.	126
1110	Municipalities	9
1111	Do.	26
1112	Do.	32
1113	Do.	32
1114	Do.	41
1110	Other Departments	15
1111	Do.	25
1112	Do.	16
1113	Do.	25
1114	Do.	20

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are these acquisitions taken up under the emergency powers?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* In very rare cases where it is not permissible under the statute.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Have all the acquisitions been completed in the same year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* With the exception of very few each year. That the Administration Report will show.

DEBT CONCILIATION BOARD—EXTENSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CHITTUR

109. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many Debt Conciliation Boards are there in the State;

(*b*) what are their jurisdictions;

(*c*) have the Government been aware of the economic and financial crisis, Chittur has been experiencing for the last three years owing to the failure of crops and banks;

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(*d*) what measures have the Government taken to avert the continuance of this calamity and ameliorate the conditions of the public of Chittur?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) One. This will cease to function from the 29th Vrischigam.

(*b*) The three Taluks of Cochin-Kanayannur, Mukundapuram and Cranganur.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) As a relief to the Agriculturists of the Chittur Taluk, liberal land revenue remissions were granted last year. The *viruppu* cultivation this year was a complete success and the standing *mundakan* crops are also expected to be successful. Certain irrigation works have already been taken up, which are calculated to add substantially to the storage capacity of the irrigation systems and to prevent water scarcity in Chittur to a considerable extent in future.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know the part played by the Government to make the *viruppu* cultivation a success this year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Government did not play any part. Nature and the irrigation system of our State made it a success.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will this Debt Conciliation Board help the irrigation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* I do not know.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why the Diwan Peishkar is partial towards Chittur in giving such liberal remissions?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is no question of partiality.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know the percentage of remission granted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* It varies from 50 to 12½ per cent. That will depend upon the kind of crop.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Do Government consider it to be liberal?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is more than liberal.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was any concession given to other taluks?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, where the crops failed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Since the hon'ble member wants the Board for Chittur, has the Government any objection to send it to Chittur?

Mr. President: Though the hon'ble member has a grudge against the Member for Chittur the Government have no grudge against him. *(Laughter)*

DRINKING WATER—AILUR LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL—SUPPLY OF

110. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the strength of the Ailur Lower Secondary School;

(*b*) what is the arrangement made for supply of drinking water in the school;

(*c*) is it not a fact that the well situated in the compound of the school gets dried up during the summer;

(*d*) will the Government be pleased to look into the matter and make arrangements for proper supply of drinking water to the school by putting up a water tap connection there?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) 401.

(*b*) There is a well from which water can be had till the end of Dhanu. For the remaining months, *viz.*, Makaram, Kumbham, Meenam (1st half) and Edavam (2nd half) a waterman is engaged on a monthly allowance of Rs. 6.

(*c*) Yes; the well dries up by Makaram.

(*d*) The cost of putting up a water tap connection to the school will be nearly Rs. 1,500. As the school is situated at a high elevation it is also doubtful whether the water will be available at all times even if a tap is given. Further, generally during the height of summer season, the school will be closed for vacation. In the circumstances, it is not worthwhile to spend such a large amount in giving a tap to the school.

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